

Regular Council Meeting  
May 13, 2003

Mayor Marse opened the Planning meeting at 6:50pm.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The Freeport City Council, sitting as the Freeport Planning Board met for a hearing to consider a request for lots 30, 31, 32, 27 and part of lot 28 on Paradise Subdivision small scale comprehensive plan amendment and zoning change. Paul Miller of WFRPC read the proposed ordinance by title to change the Freeport FLUM and assignment of a zoning category of C-1. Mr. Miller noted that there was no impact in traffic conditions, nor water and sewer impact. Concerns of a commercial designation within the subdivision were addressed. Mr. Miller expressed that this would be a civil matter for the residents to handle, and he recommended that the Board consider limiting the area zoned commercial to a 300 ft. depth from the east side of the property. Councilman Brannon stated that he did not want to have the homeowners incur legal expenses for a zoning designation that the Board recommended. Attorney Adkinson stated that the Planning Board is not representing that the deed restrictions would govern their decision. The Board strongly advocated the idea of a footage measurement for the commercial zoning. Paul Miller requested the Board forward this consideration to the Council. Planning meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

The regular scheduled meeting began.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Janice McLean, Mike Helton Scott Brannon, Jean Arrant and Earl King were present. Also present: City Clerk Diane Riley and City Attorney Clayton Adkinson.

Motion by Councilman Brannon to accept the minutes of RCM 4/8/03 and 4/24/03 as presented, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman McLean, motion carried, 5-0.

Old Business:

Paul Miller with WFRPC did the second reading of Ordinance #03-04- CEMEX Corp. zoning designation. By motion of Councilman Brannon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman McLean, the ordinance was adopted as presented by a vote of 5-0.

Charles began the engineer report with the Portland project. The foundation for the tank is completed and the well test hole is done. The water lines are substantiality complete. North Bay upgrade consumptive use permit has been done and submitted. There has been no response from Water Management. The submersible land permit application is being prepared now. The City is waiting for the engineer from Rural Development to review the plans for the expansion. Charles met with Mr. Peterson the consultant for the wastewater plant expansion and hope to get a meeting scheduled with Joe Maye to have his recommendations on rating the ponds. A workshop is slated for 5/15/03 at 7pm. P.B.S. & J. is assisting Charles on the sidewalk grant. Charles was unsure about the budget numbers and is waiting for information.

New Business:

Paul Miller of West Florida Regional Planning presented the first reading of ordinance #03-06- Sparkleberry property FLUM change and ordinance #03-07- Sparkleberry zoning designation. Motion by Councilman King to accept the readings with a change in the measurement of the allowable depth distance of 300 ft from the east side of the property line. The other parcels involved will be designated as Rural Residential. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helton, motion carried, 5-0.

Jack Rhodes, consultant for Freeport 860, LLC, requested a single use of one of the annual large-scale amendments the City is allowed in a calendar year. Councilman King motioned to authorize WFRPC to proceed with the comprehensive plan amendment and with the understanding that Freeport 860, LLC, will reimburse all cost associated with the amendment, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Brannon, motion carried, 5-0.

Bob Jones introduced myself to Council and explained a consulting business that he is offering in the area. Mr. Jones is an old acquaintance of the Council with some 40 years of government experience in the daily operations of grants, bonds for infrastructure upgrades and more. If the need arises for consulting he requested the Council consider his firm for the job.

Earnest Nettles requested usage of the Community Center for a non-profit organization called American Woodturning Org. The requested was granted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at no charge by motion of Councilwoman Arrant. Motion seconded by Councilman King, motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Councilman Brannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Helton to pay all bills in order, motion carried, 5-0.

Other Business not on the agenda:

Douglas Alford was the only applicant for the water operator position. Councilman King motioned to hire Mr. Alford at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Brannon, motion carried, 5-0. Mayor Marse had explained personnel policies earlier to Mr. Alford.

Councilwoman McLean advised the Council that she had been offered the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. in representation of the County for the All American City Competition. She stated that not all the details were complete at this time, but would keep the Council informed. There is a request for financial assistance, but was unsure at what the County would be providing.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:27 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Diane Riley, City Clerk

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Janice McLean, President of Council